



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 18, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"In 2000, the Health Care Workforce Development Program (HCWDP) was established as a partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and Service Employees International Union-Local 660 to strengthen and stabilize the public health safety net by educating and training DHS employees. This program was created as part of the extension of the Los Angeles County Medicaid Waiver in 2000, which required the State and County to jointly fund the workforce development program at a \$40 million level with non-Waiver funds.

"The shortage of health care workers, particularly nurses, and the demand for more highly skilled workers have posed significant challenges to the County's health care system. The HCWDP has focused on an in-house strategy consisting of training and upgrading of current employees. This has created a vital human resource pipeline to address critical shortage areas in nursing as well as allied health professions.

"Since 2002, the HCWDP has trained and educated close to 6,000 employees including more than 2,000 nurses. Currently, there are approximately 800 workers in training or awaiting enrollment, including 370 in long-term nursing programs and 238 in allied health professional programs.

"To date, the County has demonstrated its commitment to this vital program by fully funding its \$13.3 million share. The State, however, has only funded \$15.2 million of its \$26.6 million share, leaving an \$11.4 million balance to fund."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a letter, signed by the Board, to Governor Schwarzenegger urging the State of California's continued commitment to the Health Care Workforce Development Program in the County, and the State's continued funding at the level of \$5.7 million for Fiscal Years 2006-07 and 2007-08, for the education and training of Department of Health Services employees.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Acting Director of Health Services

Letter sent to:

- Governor